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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
ASHIKARI et al) Group Art Unit: 1638
Application No.: 08/894,356) Examiner: O. Zaghmout
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For: GENE ENCODING A PROTEIN HAVING ACYL GROUP TRANSFER ACTIVITY	APR 2 5 2001 TECH CENTER 1600/2900
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed on October 25, 2000, applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

In The Claims:

Please replace claims 1, 25 and 28 as follows:

(Three Times Amended) An isolated gene encoding a protein which

transfers an aromatic acyl group to flavonoid.

(Three Times Amended) A plant whose color has been controlled by 25.

introducing thereinto a gene according to claim 1; or the progeny of said plant wherein said

progeny has its color controlled; or tissues thereof. 04/23/2001 SSESHEI 00000015 08894356